

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Chamber was designated as a farm labor office tasked with steering workers to local farmers. In the years following the war, the Chamber focused on supporting an adequate sewage system, the introduction of local hospital and the adoption of a zoning plan.

By mid-century, the Chamber hosted an industrial conference, boldly escalating efforts to bring new industry to the Valley.

Today the Chamber has expanded its membership to more than 700 leaders who continue to help ensure a thriving economy through advocacy, promotion, networking, education and services.

Operating under the mantra that "Strong businesses make strong communities", the Chamber hosts events, publishes a business magazine and offers comprehensive business, community and visitor resources. The Chamber also leads recognition efforts, honoring the business of the year and green businesses.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce. In years to come, this organization will remain an integral and powerful force that continues to enrich the business community for the benefit of all Sonoma Valley residents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor during the week of Monday, December 7, 2009, to Friday, December 11, 2009.

For Tuesday, December 8, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 931, on motion to instruct conferees regarding H.R. 3288; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 932, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to Con. Res. 199; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 933, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 206; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 934, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 940; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 935, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 845; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 936, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2278; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 937, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 915; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 938, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 907.

For Wednesday, December 9, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 939, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of H.R. 4213; "no" on rollcall vote No. 940, on agreeing to H. Res. 955; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 941, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3951; "no" on rollcall vote No. 942, on motion to table appeal of the ruling of the chair regarding H.R. 4213; "no" on rollcall vote No. 943, on passage of H.R. 4213; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 944, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3603; "no" on rollcall vote No. 945, on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 956; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 946, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 86.

For Thursday, December 10, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 947, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "no" on rollcall vote No. 948, on agreeing to H. Res. 961, which provides for consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "no" on rollcall vote No. 949, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 950, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4017; "no" on rollcall vote No. 951, on agreeing to H. Res. 962; "no" on rollcall vote No. 952, on agreeing to H. Res. 964, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 953, on agreeing to the Frank amendment No. 1 to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 954, on agreeing to the Sessions amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 955, on agreeing to the Lynch amendment to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 956, on agreeing to the Murphy (NY) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 957, on agreeing to the Frank (MA) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 958, on agreeing to the Stupak amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 959, on agreeing to the Stupak amendment to H.R. 4173.

For the morning of Friday, December 11, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 960, on agreeing to the Kanjorski amendment to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 961, on agreeing to the McCarthy (CA) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 962, on agreeing to the Peters amendment to H.R. 4173.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED TO BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit this proclamation which I issued to Beulah Baptist Church.

Whereas, the Beulah Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past 113 years; and

Whereas, Pastor Jerry D. Black and the members of the Beulah Baptist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the Beulah Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past 113 years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Beulah has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Beulah Baptist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 113th Anniversary of their founding:

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim November 22, 2009 as Beulah Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of November, 2009.

ANDREA LEWIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Andrea Lewis. A talented journalist, radio news anchor and a true renaissance woman, Ms. Lewis had an uncanny ability to broach any subject with her impressive knowledge, affability and confidence. Ms. Lewis passed away Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the age of 52.

Andrea Lewis, a native of Detroit, Michigan, earned her B.A. from Eastern Michigan University, where she studied music, English literature, and art history. After moving to the Bay Area in 1983, she became an editor for Plexus: West Coast Women's Press, and in the late 1980s, she worked as a research editor for Mother Jones magazine. After gaining further publishing experience as an editorial assistant at Harper Collins Publishers in San Francisco and senior editor at Third Force Magazine in the early 90s, Ms. Lewis joined Pacific News Service as an associate editor.

Ms. Lewis, known for her rich, resonant voice, made an effortless transition to radio in 1999, joining the KPFA Morning Show as co-host of the two-hour weekday public affairs program. Though the warm tone and timbre of Andrea's voice was often praised, she is most remembered for voicing sound and well-researched opinions.

A tireless advocate and champion for civil rights, Ms. Lewis was particularly interested in combating sexism, racism and homophobia. Ms. Lewis acquired a following throughout her career, and was especially admired for her thoughtful and compassionate equanimity when discussing difficult subjects on or off the air.

More recently, Ms. Lewis took a year off to complete a 2008 Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University. She returned as evening news co-anchor and host of a two-hour Sunday morning interview and call-in program that she dubbed "Sunday Sedition." She was also a fellow in the Society of Professional Journalists Diversity Leadership Program from 2006 to 2007.

Among Ms. Lewis' many accolades were The National Federation of Community Broadcasters' Golden Reel award in 2002, the California Teachers Association's John Swett Award for Media Excellence in 2004, and many well-received published articles. Ms. Lewis was a regular contributor to Madison, Wisconsin's Progressive Magazine, and I am honored to hear that she was proud to have had a quotation from our 2005 interview included in the Progressive's 100th anniversary edition in April.

Ms. Lewis exercised a life-long passion for music as both a member of her university's choral group, which toured Europe, and for the last 20 years, as a talented alto in the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. Both Ms. Lewis and her family were so proud when the chorus